viii. Energy Conservation.

ix. Watches & Clocks.

x. Graphics & Designs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). TFAI has received a request from the Karnataka Government to organise International Silk Fair at Bangalore and the details are being worked out by TFAI.

Promotion Avenues in Banking Sector

3621. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has given a ruling that a person is recruited not just for a job but for a whole career and one must be given an opportunity to advance;

(b) if so, the steps taken to grant an opportunity to employees in banking sector to advance at a fixed interval of time; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Hon'ble Supreme Court had delivered a judgement to this effect in the Civil Appeal No. 3967 of 1987 (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and another Vs, KGS Bhatt and Another).

(b) and (c). Indian Bank Association has reported that promotions in Public Sector Banks from clerical cadre to the officers cadre and within officers' cadre are made in accordance with the promotion policy/ Service Regulations. Generally a clerical employes is eligible to be considered for promotion to Junior Management Scale in the officers' cadre after a service of about 2 to 5 years under merit channel 1 and 6 to 10 years under seniority channel. Minimum number of years of service for eligibility for promotion from Junior Management Grade Scale I to Top Management Grade Scale VII has been laid down under the respective Service Regulations of the Public Sector Banks.

Outstanding Income-Tax in Kerala

3622. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether income tax worth lakhs of rupees is pending realisation against a number of companies, firms, traders and industrialists as well as some individuals in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of such companies, individuals and other and the amount due from each of them; and

(c) the steps taken to recover these dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 30th September, 1991 there were 940 cases of companies, firms, individuals, etc. in the State of Kerala in which income-tax demand of more than Rs. one lakh in each case was outstanding. The details of these cases are as under :-

	Number	*Income-tax demand outstanding as on 30.9.1991 (Rs. in Crores)*
i. Companies	119	22.23

		Number	*Income-tax demand outstanding as on 30.9.1991 (Rs. in Crores)*
ii.	Individuals and other non-company assesses.	821	52.44
	Total	940	74.67

In view of large number of these cases, it is not practicable to collect and indicate the amount of demand outstanding in each individual case. If Hon'ble Member wants information about any particular case the same can be collected and furnished.

(c) Apart from the action permissible under the Income-tax law for the recovery of tax dues, suitable administrative steps are continuously taken to reduce the tax arrears. Legal actions include levy of penalty for non-payment, issue of garnishee orders to attach bank accounts, debts etc. drawing up of tax recovery statements by Tax Recovery Officers enabling them to effect recovery by attachment/sale of assets, appointment of receiver for managing defaulter's property, arrest of defaulters, etc; in appropriate cases. Administratively, Action Plan targets have been fixed for reduction of outstanding demands and the progress of recovery is monitored at various levels. In cases where bigger demands are outstanding, the Assessing Officers are required to send dossier reports indicating the progress in the recovery of taxes and these reports are reviewed at the level of Commissioner of Income-tax and above. Since a large part of the demand is disputed in appeals etc. steps have also been taken for expeditious disposal of appeals.

Irregularities in D.G.S. & D.

3623. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR
SHRI SIMON MARANDI

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several instances of irregularities committed by the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) as reported in the Press from time to time during the last two years have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted by the C.B.I. in this regard;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check the irregularities in the functioning of DGS&D?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). Reports in some newspapers relating to de-registration of drug firms have come to the notice of the Government. The matter was duly investigated but no irregularities were found.

(c) Government did not consider it necessary for ordering any enquiry by the CBI.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

Inflow of NRI Funds

3624. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: